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EDITOR THOMAS VAIL AND WIFE

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FOR AMBASSADOR

1. VAILS DEPARTING CLEVELAND JANUARY 24 NOW IN POSSESSION
OF VISAS FOR ALL COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED EXCEPT SAUDI ARABIA.
SAUDI EMBASSY HERE STATES MINISTRY AUTHORIZATION ISSUE VISAS
NOT YET RECEIVED. VAIL SOMEWHAT CONCERNED AND AS LIKELIHOOD
HIS SECURING SAUDI VISAS PRIOR DEPARTURE APPEARS TO BE
WANING, DESPITE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS (REFTEL B). FURTHER
EFFORT ON HIS BEHALF WOULD BE APPRECIATED. ASSURANCE FROM
SAUDI MINISTRY SAUDI EMBASSY CAIRO AUTHORIZED ISSUE VISAS
DURING HIS TIME THERE JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 4 WOULD BE ACCEPT-
ABLE FALL BACK IF VAIL COULD BE SO NOTIFIED PRIOR HIS
DEPARTURE.

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2. REQUEST REPORT ON STATUS OF APPOINTMENTS ARRANGED AND
PENDING FOR VAIL'S PROGRAM SOONEST.

3. FYI: BESIDES HIGH LEVEL DEPARTMENT INTEREST IN VAIL'S

TRIP ALREADY NOTED (REFTEL A), VAIL HAS ALSO BEEN IN
CORRESPONDENCE WITH VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENTIAL AIDE
DONALD RUMSFELD ABOUT HIS TRAVEL. END FYI. KISSINGER

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